

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2012 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM
PROJECT NUMBER: 4

- I. Project Title: Colorado Program Management
- II. Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number(s): N/A
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- IV. Abstract:

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources (CDNR), Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) and Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) provide program management support through administration of aquatic wildlife, water resource management and technical studies concerning Colorado as identified in the RIPRAP. This, as well as broader involvement in the implementation of the Recovery Program action plan occurs through participation and preparation of specific task materials for the Implementation, Management, Biology, and Water Acquisition Committees. Significant activities include the development of interagency agreements, scopes of work, and reports, as well as integration of program research results and other new information for effective planning, guidance, status reviews, and issue resolution within the Program.

Program management tasks performed by CDNR, CPW and CWCB met all expectations. Colorado participation in key Recovery Program projects and issues was adequately coordinated with Program participants as necessary. These programmatic oversight and administrative activities will continue until recovery and delisting of the fish species is achieved and the federal recovery program and process are disbanded in favor of coordinated conservation programs administered by the affected state wildlife agencies.

- V. Study Schedule:

Initial Year: 1988
Final Year: 2023

- VI. Relationship to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan – Program Management

VII. Provide Program planning and support (Program Management).

VII.A. Determine actions required for recovery.

VII.A.3. Update, refine, and prioritize recovery actions (RIPRAP) annually.

VII.A.7 Monitor and assess Recovery Program accomplishments annually.

VII.A.8 Develop biennial work plan to address priority needs.

VII.B. Actively participate in Recovery Program committees and secure funding for annual work plan and larger projects.

VII.C. Manage, direct, and coordinate Recovery Program activities.

VII. Accomplishment of FY 2012 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Task 1: Program Coordinators will perform all technical and administrative work associated with these Program support activities and additional activities by agreement:

- a. Prepare for, and attend Management, Biology, Water Acquisition and I&E Committee meetings and conference calls, and Implementation Committee meetings as necessary. **Done.**
- b. Review and revise the Recovery Action Plan annually. **Done.**
- c. Review proposed new scopes of work, revised ongoing scopes of work and recommend revisions to the Annual Work Plan. **Ongoing.**
- d. Review draft final Program technical reports, strategic plans, studies, and incorporate recommendations into Program guidance and implementation. **Ongoing.**
- e. Coordinate documentation for transfer of funds to CPW for Recovery Program-sanctioned work (i.e. BuRec contract and state-match). **Ongoing.**
- f. Coordinate Recovery Program-sanctioned field activities to conform with State scientific collection permit requirements. **Done.**
- g. Attend annual Colorado River Research Review meeting. **Done.**
- h. Coordinate among CPW, CWCB, and Department of Natural Resources staff to identify issues, define positions, solicit input on Recovery Program actions. **Done.**
- i. Cooperate with and/or develop Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement as appropriate for provision of water for benefit of the endangered fish. **Done.**
- j. Coordinate Colorado issues/concerns in Recovery Program as necessary with Attorney General's Office, Colorado DNR Divisions, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, water user groups, environmental groups and other interested parties. **Done.**
- k. Prepare scopes of work as required on various subjects, annual reports and all associated revisions. **Done.**
- l. Respond to various requests and correspondence from Recovery Program participants and other private entities regarding the endangered fish and instream flow appropriations in Colorado. **Done.**
- m. Prepare and present endangered fish issues at Wildlife Commission and Water

Conservation Board meetings and meetings or conference calls of other groups as necessary. **Done.**

- n. Coordinate with other Recovery Program participants regarding various water issues, and review potential water rights for sale or lease; pursue acquisition of water and water rights where beneficial. **Done.**
- o. Assist as appropriate in the development and implementation of Programmatic Biological Opinions. **Done.**
- p. Perform water accounting as required by RIPRAP and PBOs. **Ongoing.**

VIII. Recommendations: No recommendations for change at this time.

IX. Project Status: On track and ongoing.

X. FY 2012 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: CPW: \$55,000 DNR & CWCB: \$45,000
- B. Funds Expended: CPW: \$55,000 DNR & CWCB: \$45,000
- C. Difference: \$0.00
- D. Percent of the FY 2011 work completed, and projected costs to complete: 100%
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: \$0.00

XI. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): Not applicable.

XII. Signed:

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